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12 **AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

13 In response to the Office action mailed on August 7, 2002 (hereinafter, the "Office
14 Action"), the Applicant submits this Amendment A and response.

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16 **In the Specification**

17 In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(i)-(ii), please replace the paragraph in
18 the Specification at Page 2, lines 10-12 as follows:

19 Accordingly, there is a need for an improved data handling
20 mechanism for gaming systems that includes an internal data storage
21 device, such as a hard disk drive.

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